

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 246

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members and coaches of the Riverdale High School girls' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Class AAA state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of young athletes is the Riverdale High School girls' basketball team, whose members have all proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of admiration by winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class AAA state championship; and

WHEREAS, this victory is not only the second consecutive state championship that the Lady Warriors of Riverdale have won, but also their fourth state title over the course of the past six years; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish this athletic triumph, the Lady Warriors battled Memphis Central High School in the Murphy Center at Middle Tennessee State University. Though Memphis Central proved to be a worthy foe and kept the points close throughout the game, Riverdale pulled ahead near the end of the fourth quarter, winning with a final score of 66-59; and

WHEREAS, their victory not only gives the Lady Warriors back-to-back state championships, but also caps a flawless, undefeated season, with a perfect record of 34-0; and

WHEREAS, not only are these young women undisputed athletic leaders in the State, but they are also the top-ranked team in the nation by *USA Today* and the MaxPreps website, part of CBS Interactive Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the Riverdale High School girls' basketball team includes Hope Hinson, Alasia Hayes, Anastasia Hayes, Aislynn Hayes, Amanda Whittington, Hanna Edgeston, Kennedy Moore, Jalyn Holcomb, Alexis Whittington, Brinae Alexander, Allison Mayeux, Madison Henegar, Brylee Puckett, Kaelah Dale, Dylann Claybrook, and Katelyn Worley; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Warriors' superb victory may not have been possible without the stellar leadership of their head coach, Randy Coffman, and assistant coaches, Jay Spurlock and Krystie Horton; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors basketball team for their outstanding performance, and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members and coaches of the Riverdale High School girls' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Class AAA state championship, and we extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.